Spotlight on Catawba

Lancaster

Ke, snaw

Richland

Calhoun

Colleton

Orangeburg

Bambers

York

Newberry

Aiken

Barnwell

Allendale

Edgefield

Chester

Lexington

Location & Climate

Located in the North Central area of the Oconee state, the Catawba WIA is comprised of three (3) counties: Chester, Lancaster, and York. This area experiences average temperatures in the low 60s and has between 46.11 and 47.88 inches of precipitation annually.

Population

sterfield

Darlington

Berkeley

Charleston

Williamsburg

Dillon

Georgetown

Horry

Total area population 2001: 265,823 **Male**: 48.7% **Female**: 51.3% White: 73.5% Nonwhite: 26.5%

Employment

Labor Force

The labor force in the Catawba area reached 135,780 in 2002. The 2002 unemployment rate spanned from 6.9% to 13.4%, showing an increase since 2001.

Unemployment Rate by County

15

10

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1998

York

1999

2000

Chester

2001

Lancaster

2002

Pickens

Average monthly employment for counties across the Catawba WIA ranged from 12,940 in Chester County to 85,430 in York County.

Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income for Catawba WIA counties in 2001 ranged from \$19,800 in Chester County to \$26,386 in York County; between 80% and 106% of the state's PCI of \$24.840.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

In 2002, Unemployment insurance benefits paid by Workforce centers in the Catawba WIA reached a total of \$27.848.604.